THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The District Medical Officer has personally enquired into the matter and he has also recorded the statement of the lady Assistant Surgeon who treated the patient."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Shall I take it as a typical instance of white-washing by the Government? There has been such a considerable amount of agitation in the place on account of this incident. Is there any difference between discharge and driving out of the patient from a hospital? May I know whether any compensation was given to the family of the deceased and whether the Government will go into the case very carefully? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" My information is that she went out of the hospital at her own request along with some other patients who similarly wanted to avail themselves of the opportunity to celebrate the Onam festival in their own homes."

Flood relief in Malabar.

10 a.m. * 314 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to give full details of the extent of damage suffered by Malabar on account of July floods and the nature and extent of relief granted by the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The answer [a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" From the answer placed on the table of the House, it is found that about 2,500 acres of land were damaged and that the loss of paddy was about 600 tons. But in the relief granted, nothing is mentioned about revenue remission. May I know whether the Hon. the Minister is in a position to state whether any remission of land revenue was granted on this account and, if so, what amount? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" A separate question may be put."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Apart from the relief to ryots, the Hon. the Minister had been plied with various representations regarding revenue remission. May I know whether those cases also were taken into account and relief was provided? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The latest request of the hon. Member is partially conceded."

Hospital Advisory Committees in Malabar.

* 315 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of medical institutions in Malabar district where Hospital Advisory Committees have been formed and are functioning; and

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 179–180 *infra*.

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(b) the names of hospitals and dispensaries where such Advisory Committees have not yet been formed?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Advisory Committees have been formed and are functioning in the following Government Medical Institutions :—

(1) Government Headquarters Hospital, Kozhikode.

(2) Government Women and Children Hospital, Kozhikode.

(3) Government Hospital, Cannanore.

(4) Government Hospital, Tellicherry.

(5) Government Hospital, Manantody.

(6) Government Hospital, Badagara.

(7) Government Hospital, Manjeri.

(8) Government Hospital, Palghat.

(9) Government Hospital, Ponnani.

" (b) An Advisory Committee has not yet been constituted for the Government Hospital, Perintalmanna, as the Hospital was taken over by Government only in November 1952. The question has been taken up by the Director of Medical Services."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know the authority who makes the selection or appointment of members of these committees? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government make the appointment."

SRI A. APPU :—" How often do these committees meet, Sir? Can an individual member visit the hospital and record his opinion in the Visitors' Book? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Committee can meet as often as necessary. It is open to the Members to visit the hospital at any time during working hours."

Cases of suicide due to poverty and starvation.

* 316 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that at the inquest over the following cases of suicide, the panchayatdars have opined that suicide was the result of poverty and starvation :—

(a) suicide of Ammini Amma of Kollam near Quilandi, North Malabar, on 15th August 1953 ; and

(b) suicide of T. R. Ramakrishna Ayyar living in Venkitachalapathi Ayyangar's lane, Ramanathapuram Road, Madurai, on 25th August 1953?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The name of the deceased in this case was Nani Amma and not Ammini Amma. The opinion of the panchayatdars was that the